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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Chad M. Larson, 25, of Janesville, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Madison to possession with intent to distribute more than five grams of crack cocaine.

The government's proof showed that on January 26, 2005, after selling just over three grams of powder cocaine to a confidential informant, Larson was stopped in his vehicle. A passenger in the car fled on foot carrying a black bag. Police officers caught up with him and seized the black bag. The bag contained 58 individually wrapped baggies containing crack cocaine, and other baggies containing cocaine powder, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms, and marijuana. At his plea hearing, the defendant admitted that the black bag was his and that he was on his way to conduct a drug deal.

Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for November 10, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. Larson faces a mandatory minimum ten years in prison and a maximum of life in prison, a \$4,000,000 fine, and at least eight years of supervision following his release from prison.

The charge against Larson was the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant

U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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